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#### MINUTES

#### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Brandon Crain

Mrs. Ann Duplessis, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the System Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 20, 2015 at 1:15 P.M.

The secretary called the roll.

## **PRESENT**

Mrs. Ann D. Duplessis
Chair
Chair
Mr. Ronnie R. Anderson
Mr. R. Blake Chatelain
Mr. Stanley J. Jacobs
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Anderson
Mr. Garret "Hank" Danos
Mr. Jack E. Lawton, Jr.
Mr. Rolfe McCollister, Jr.
Mr. James McCrery
Mr. James W. Moore, Jr.

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Scott A. Angelle Mr. Stephen Perry

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

Also present for the meeting were the following: Dr. F. King Alexander, President and Chancellor; LSU System, Mr. Thomas Skinner, General Counsel, LSU System officers and administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

#### **Public Comments**

There were three public comments addressing the Board on budget issues. Mr. William Torrey, English Instructor, LSU A& M College; Mr. Justin Dicharia, Mass Communication Student at LSU A&M; and Mr. Donald Carl Hodge, Jr., representing himself and has five degrees from LSU.

#### 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Duplessis recognized LSU Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Stuart Bell who introduced the students and faculty member representing LSU A&M.

Mr. Zac Faircloth, student majoring in Electrical Engineering from Pinevile, LA gave the invocation. Ms. Kendra Turley, student majoring in Mass Communication from Houston TX led the Pledge of Allegiance. The faculty member, Dr. Isiah Warner, Boyd Professor in Chemistry and Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives gave a presentation on the Louisiana Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (LA-STEM) Research Scholars Program and how the STEM program is increasing student access and success through mentoring, education and research.

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 30, 2015

Upon motion of Mr. Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Lawton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 30, 2015.

## 4. <u>Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval</u>

Mr. Thomas Skinner, General Counsel, LSU System, advised that Board action is requested for approval of the Personal Actions. The executive staff has reviewed these actions and recommends Board approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Danos the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Actions as presented. (Copy of Personnel Actions on file in the Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University)

## 5. Reports from the Council of Faculty and Staff Advisors

Dr. Kenneth McMillin, Vice President of the Faculty Senate and Mrs. Gena Doucet, Staff Advisor, furnished informational reports.

## 6. <u>President's Report</u>

- Dr. F. King Alexander, President, LSU System recognized:
- Mr. Brandon Crain, Student Board of Supervisors Member;
- Dr. Robert Barish, Chancellor LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport;
- Dr. Larry Hollier, Chancellor LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans;
- Dr. Frank Opelka, Executive Vice President for Health Care & Medical Education Redesign;
- Dr. Will Cefalu, Executive Director, Pennington Biomedical Research Center;
- Dr. Jack Weiss, Chancellor Paul M. Hebert Law Center;
- Dr. Stuart Bell, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost LSU A&M;

Each provided recent activities, awards and contributions regarding respective campuses.

## 7. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board voted unanimously to accept these reports.

- 7A. FY 2014-2015 2nd Quarter Audit Summary
- 7B. LSU System Annual Data Metrics (available on LSU System website)

## 8. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Chair Duplessis offered the following recommendation:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Consent Agenda items as submitted.

Upon motion was made by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Consent resolutions:

8A. Request approval of degrees to be conferred at the Spring and Summer 2015 commencement exercises

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation at commencement exercises on campuses of the LSU System (May 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the campuses of the LSU System (July 30, August 5, 7, 8, 11).

8B. Request approval to award a Posthumous Degree at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize and award the degree of Doctor of Medicine, posthumously, to Laura Burckel Peterson, to be presented at the LSUHSC School of Medicine graduation ceremonies in May, 2015.

- 8C. Request approval to enhance existing Endowed Professorships at the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in New Orleans:
  - Howard Buechner, MD Professorship of Medicine based on donations of \$120,000
  - Donald Edward Texada, M.D. Professorship of Ophthalmology based on donations of \$65,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the request to enhance existing professorships at the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in New Orleans, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the enhancements to the above named professorships.

8D. Request approval to enhance the existing James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration at Louisiana State University in Shreveport based on donations of \$60,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the request to enhance the existing James K. Elrod Super Professorship in Health Administration at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the enhancement to the above named professorship.

8E. Request approval to establish the Dudley and Beverly Coates Endowed Professorship at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center based on donations of \$60,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the establishment of the Dudley and Beverly Coates Endowed Professorship at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named professorship.

- 8F. Request approval to establish the following Endowed Professorships at Louisiana State University and A&M College:
  - Entergy Louisiana Professorship in Power Engineering in the College of Engineering based on a donation of \$180,000
  - Meraux Foundation Supreme Champion Livestock Professorship in the Agricultural Center based on a donation of \$120,000
  - Neil Odenwald Distinguished Professorship in Landscape Architecture #2 in the College of Art and Design based on a donation of \$60,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the establishment of the above named professorships at Louisiana State University and A&M College, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named professorships.

8G. Request approval to establish the Milton Bourgeois Endowed Scholarship for First-Generation College Students in the Office of Enrollment Management at Louisiana State University and A&M College based on donations of \$60,000

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby approves the Milton Bourgeois Endowed Scholarship for First-Generation College Students in the Office of Enrollment Management at Louisiana State University and A&M College, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President of the Louisiana State University System, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the above named endowed scholarship.

8H. Request approval of a Letter of Intent for a Doctor of Design Program at Louisiana State University and A&M College

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Letter of Intent for a Doctor of Design at Louisiana State University and A&M College, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

8I. Request approval from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center to name the National Moot Court Team the "Tom Fore Phillips National Moot Court Team"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center to name the National Moot Court Team "The Tom Fore Phillips National Moot Court Team.

8J. Approval of changes to the LSU Board of Supervisors Scholarship policy

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Board of Supervisors Scholarship Program to include the following:

- 1) Addition of a statement of purpose and mission;
- 2) Addition of the application process;
- 3) Amendment of the award considerations:
- 4) Addition of a timeline for receiving scholarships, including consideration of late applications;
- 5) Reduction of the maximum number of authorized awards from 20 to 18 for the 2015-2016 academic year and to 15 for the 2016-2017 academic year;
- 6) Addition of a timeline for awarding scholarships, including consideration of late awards:
- 7) Amendment of the responsibilities of The Scholarship Review Committee to provide for periodic review of the scholarship policy and the submission of an annual statistical report to the full board;
- 8) Reorganization of the policy for clarity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the changes adopted by this resolution be effective for the fall, 2015 semester and the policy posted on the LSU Board of Supervisors website and forwarded to each LSU campus.

8K. Recommendation to name the Plant Pathology Teaching Laboratory in the College of Agriculture the "Milton Charles "Chuck" Rush Plant Pathology Teaching laboratory"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the naming of the plant pathology teaching laboratory be named the "Milton Charles 'Chuck' Rush Plant Pathology Teaching Laboratory."

#### 9. Committee Reports

9A. Academic and Student Affairs, Achievement and Distinction Committee

Mr. James Moore, Chairman of Academic and Student Affairs Achievement and Distinction Committee, reported that the Committee received one (1) request for consideration for Board approval. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the request receives Board approval.

9A1. Request to establish the effective date for the Realignment of Louisiana State University and A&M College and the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Upon motion of Mr. Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that, following approval of the Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the American Bar Association and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the effective date for the realignment of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center as an academic unit within LSU A&M be April 1, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President is authorized, in his discretion, to postpone the effective date of the realignment for up to two weeks, to a date no later than April 15, 2015, if in his judgment a postponement is necessary to address unforeseen matters; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President shall submit recommendations, as needed, to the Board of Supervisors, to complete the realignment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a report by January 15, 2016 on the status of the realignment of the Law Center as an academic unit within LSU A&M.

## 9B. <u>Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development Committee</u>

Mr. Ballard, Chairman of the Finance, Infrastructure and Core Development Committee reported that the Committee received two (2) requests for consideration for Board Approval. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the requests receive Board approval.

The committee also received one (1) report from staff regarding the FY 2015-16 Executive Budget and Mr. Ballard distributed two resolutions for Board consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations and the resolutions. (Copy of the resolutions introduced by Mr. Ballard are on file in the office of the LSU Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University, (1) Budget and Tuition & Fees, (2) Autonomies)

#### 9B1. Discussion of the FY 2015-16 Governor's Executive Budget

Dr. Dan Layzell gave a presentation for informational and discussion purposes.

After discussion about budget issues, state funding and flexibility of management, Mr. Ballard distributed copies of two (2) resolutions and asked for any questions or comments. Mr. Ballard then stated he would offer the resolutions for the Board consideration.

9B2. Request from LSU A&M for final approval from the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board") to issue Auxiliary Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

Upon motion by Mr. Danos, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board") that:

SECTION 1. The Board has been advised that its Auxiliary Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 (the "Series 2015 Bonds") are expected to be issued in one or more series at a fixed rate of interest not to exceed 6% per annum and a term not to exceed 40 years, and the Board desires to authorize the issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds for the purposes of financing or reimbursing the costs of (i) (a) the planning, design, acquisition, construction and equipping of a Family Housing Complex, (b) a portion of the planning, design, acquisition, construction and equipping of a New Residence Hall and (c) a portion of the planning and design of the acquisition, construction and equipping of renovations to Evangeline Residence Hall (collectively, the "Project" or "Projects"), (ii) refunding all or a portion of the Board's outstanding Auxiliary Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 and Auxiliary Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, (iii) funding a capitalized interest fund, if necessary, (iv) funding a reserve fund or paying the premium for a reserve fund insurance policy or surety bond, if necessary, and (v) paying the costs of issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds, including, but not limited to, the preparation of the hereinafter described Bond Resolution and the preparation and distribution of preliminary and final official statements, if any, related thereto, all for the benefit of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU A&M").

SECTION 2. The Board does hereby approve and adopt the Eighteenth Supplemental Resolution (the "Eighteenth Supplemental Resolution") relating to the issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$155,000,000, and does hereby authorize the execution and delivery by the Chairman or Chairman-Elect and the Secretary of the Board of the Eighteenth Supplemental Resolution and does hereby authorize said officers or an Authorized Board Representative (defined in the Eighteenth Supplemental Resolution as one or more, as required by law or by the Bond Resolution, of the Chairman, the Chairman-Elect, the Secretary and each officer of the Board, the President of LSU and the Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO of LSU or any other Person designated in writing by the Chairman or Chairman-Elect of the Board or designated by a resolution of the Board) to execute such documents or certificates as set forth in

the Eighteenth Supplemental Resolution and such other documents or certificates necessary in connection with the issuance or the marketing of the Series 2015 Bonds and all other transactions incident thereto, with such changes and modifications which are deemed in the best interest of the Board by an Authorized Board Representative, including, without limitation, such changes as are required by the underwriters of the Series 2015 Bonds and by the pricing of the Series 2015 Bonds, and the Board does hereby ratify all prior actions taken on its behalf by University officials in furtherance of this transaction.

SECTION 3. The Board hereby authorizes the marketing, pricing and delivery of the Series 2015 Bonds; provided that the final terms of such Series 2015 Bonds shall meet the following conditions:

- (i) Principal Amount Not to exceed \$155,000,000;
- (ii) Maturity Not to exceed 40 years; and
- (iii) Net Interest Rate Not to exceed a fixed rate of 6.0% per annum

# 9B3. Request from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center for delegation of authority to the President to approve institutional scholarship, waiver, and/or exemption programs

A motion by Mr. Danos, and seconded by Mr. McCollister, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following amended resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") that the Board does hereby authorize the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center (Law Center) to award, for the 2014-2015 academic year and thereafter, scholarships through the exemption and/or waiver of tuition and fees in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000; and:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Law Center shall report to the President and the Board of Supervisors by December 1st of each year on the results of the scholarship exemption or waiver authority granted herein.

## 9C. Property and Facilities Committee

Mr. Rolfe McCollister, Chairman Property and Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee received three (3) requests and one (1) status report for Board approval. It is the recommendation of the Committee that the requests receive Board approval.

9C1. The LSU Agricultural Center requests approval to solicit bids and to enter into a Surface Use Lease Agreement of 50.23 acres of the Northeast Research Station in Tensas Parish

Upon motion by Mr. Danos, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following amended resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of the LSU System, or his designee, to execute one or more surface use lease agreements with the highest bidders selected through the proscribed competitive bid process for the lease of approximately 50.23 acres of the total 600 acres at Northeast Research Station, Tensas Parish, Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the property will only be leased if the bids obtained are of sufficient value for the property being leased.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of the LSU System, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the lease agreements any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

9C2. The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans requests approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Foundation for the LSU Health Sciences Center, Inc. for the installation of a Modular Interprofessional Primary Care Clinic at the School of Dentistry campus

Upon motion of Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Danos, the Board voted unanimously to approve the follow resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agriculture and Mechanical College that F. King Alexander, President of the LSU System, or his designee, is authorized and empowered for and on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to execute a lease for approximately 10,000 square feet of land to house a 3600 square foot modular Interprofessional primary care clinic at the LSUHSC-NO School of Dentistry campus in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of the LSU System, or his designee is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to include in the lease any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

9C3. The LSU Agricultural Center requests Approval to enter into an Intent to Lease Agreement with the Companion Animal Alliance to construct an Animal Shelter on LSU Ag Center Property on Gourrier Lane at the Baton Rouge campus

Upon motion of Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Jacobs, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize its President, Dr. F. King Alexander, or his successor or designee, to execute an Intent to Lease Agreement with the Companion Animal Alliance for a lease and other appropriate related agreements to locate and operate an animal shelter on Gourrier Ave. near River Road; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall not constitute Board approval of any lease or other agreement other than the Intent to Lease Agreement, and that any lease and appropriate related agreements resulting from this Intent to Lease Agreement shall be subject to further approval by this Board in accordance with its Bylaws and Regulations.

## 9C4. Status Report LSU A&M Housing, Parking & Entergy Management Initiatives

Dr. Dan Layzell gave a status report on the LSU A&M Housing, Parking & Entergy Management Initiatives.

#### 9D. Audit Committee

Mr. Jacobs, Chairman Audit Committee, reported that the Committee received one (1) presentation.

9D1. Presentation - Lessons Learned from the NCAA Investigation of University of North Carolina

The Committee met and no action was taken.

#### 10. Consideration of Board of Supervisors Guiding Principles

Mrs. Duplessis asked the board members to review the copy of the Board Members Guiding Principles. These principles have been discussed at the last two Board Development Meetings and would serve as a written set of principles that would govern participation as a Board and she asked for a motion.

Upon motion of Mr. McCrery, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board of Supervisors Guiding Principles.

#### 11. Chairman's Report

Chair Duplessis announced that the Audit Committee would meet in the President's Conference Room upon adjournment of this meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be in Baton Rouge on May 8, 2015.

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# 12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Kay Miller Administrative Secretary to the Board LSU Board of Supervisors